

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

February 2011

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.2 percent between January 2011 and February 2011 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.3 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index both rose 0.2 percent during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the February All-items Index increased from January 2011 primarily due to higher prices for women's clothing, travel tours, traveller accommodations and dairy products. Prices also rose for home entertainment equipment – parts and services, household appliances and gasoline.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, fresh fruit, preserved fruit and fruit preparations and other food preparations. Prices also fell for household chemical products, alcoholic beverages served in licensed establishments and cigarettes.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 2.2 percent between February 2010 and February 2011 while the Canada All-items Index also increased 2.2 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 2.4 percent and 2.0 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The February All-items Index increased from February 2010 primarily due to increased prices for gasoline and food purchased from restaurants. Prices also rose for electricity, rent, housing replacement cost, property taxes (including special charges) and homeowners' home and mortgage insurance.

These increases were partially offset by price reductions for prescribed medicines, natural gas, traveller accommodations and recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles). Prices also fell for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, passenger vehicle insurance premiums and home entertainment equipment – parts and services.

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**ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA**

	Index		Percent Change	
	<u>Feb. 2011</u> (2002 = 100)	<u>Jan. 2011</u>	<u>Jan. 2011</u> to <u>Feb. 2011</u>	<u>Feb. 2010</u> to <u>Feb. 2011</u>
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	120.3	120.1	0.2	2.2
Food	125.9	126.1	-0.2	3.5
Shelter	142.8	142.7	0.1	3.0
Household Operations and Furnishings	104.0	103.8	0.2	1.6
Clothing and Footwear	95.8	92.9	3.1	-0.5
Transportation	114.0	114.6	-0.5	3.5
Health and Personal Care	111.8	112.4	-0.5	-0.6
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.8	103.3	1.5	-0.4
Tobacco and Alcohol	140.5	141.9	-1.0	4.1
All-Items Excluding Energy	118.6	118.4	0.2	1.7
Energy	136.7	136.3	0.3	6.9
CANADA				
All-Items	118.1	117.8	0.3	2.2
Food	125.3	124.9	0.3	2.1
Shelter	124.5	124.5	0.0	2.2
Household Operations and Furnishings	110.1	109.6	0.5	1.7
Clothing and Footwear	89.4	87.9	1.7	-2.0
Transportation	122.6	122.8	-0.2	5.1
Health and Personal Care	116.0	115.8	0.2	2.0
Recreation, Education and Reading	103.8	102.7	1.1	-0.3
Tobacco and Alcohol	135.0	135.2	-0.1	2.7
All-Items Excluding Energy	115.8	115.5	0.3	1.4
Energy	146.3	146.0	0.2	10.6
REGINA				
All-Items	120.7	120.5	0.2	2.4
SASKATOON				
All-Items	121.1	120.9	0.2	2.0

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Jan. 2011 to Feb. 2011</u>	<u>Feb. 2010 to Feb. 2011</u>
Canada	0.3	2.2
Newfoundland	0.6	2.9
Prince Edward Island	0.8	1.9
Nova Scotia	0.4	3.4
New Brunswick	0.9	2.2
Quebec	0.3	2.2
Ontario	0.2	2.5
Manitoba	0.3	2.1
Saskatchewan	0.2	2.2
Alberta	0.6	1.2
British Columbia	0.3	1.8
Whitehorse	0.0	1.3
Yellowknife	-0.1	1.5
Iqaluit	-0.2	1.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES**

	Percent Change	
	<u>Jan. 2011 to Feb. 2011</u>	<u>Feb. 2010 to Feb. 2011</u>
St. John's	0.5	2.9
Charlottetown-Summerside	0.8	1.9
Halifax	0.4	3.2
Saint John	0.9	2.2
Quebec City	0.3	2.1
Montreal	0.2	2.0
Ottawa	0.3	2.7
Toronto	0.3	2.4
Thunder Bay	0.0	2.4
Winnipeg	0.3	2.0
Regina	0.2	2.4
Saskatoon	0.2	2.0
Edmonton	0.3	1.1
Calgary	0.7	1.1
Vancouver	0.2	1.8
Victoria	0.3	1.6
Whitehorse	0.0	1.3
Yellowknife	-0.1	1.5
Iqaluit	-0.2	1.1